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## Collectors' Notices.

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Mr. J. P. CLARK will visit Penobscot county during July and August.

**Notice to Delinquent Subscribers.**

We are making up the accounts of subscribers to the *MAINE FARMER*, who are indebted for the paper from the year 1872 to the present time, to be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. Opportunity will be given to all who are thus in arrears to make payment to our agents or to this office, at our advertised rates or before Sept. 1, 1877. If delayed beyond that date, collection will be enforced by legal means.

We are reluctant to resort to such a course, and trust that all our delinquent subscribers, by a prompt response to this notice, will save themselves and us the unpleasant alternative.

## Bennington Centennial.

Extensive preparations are in progress for a proper observance of the Centennial of the Battle of Bennington, on Thursday of next week. The town of Bennington, near the eastern line of New York and the northern line of Massachusetts. It is on the westerly side of the Green Mountains and the most direct route from Maine is by way of Boston, Fitchburg and the Hoosac Tunnel. A camp of about fifty acres has been laid out and altitudes made to Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, besides the space reserved for Vermont troops. President Hayes and the Cabinet have promised to be present, besides Governors and prominent citizens from several of the States. It is expected that the number of troops in attendance will be four thousand, and if the weather is favorable it will be one of the largest Centennial gatherings of the year.

The fight known in history as the Battle of Bennington, was part of the operations connected with General Burgoyne's invasion from Canada during the summer and autumn of 1777. The delay which he had been obliged to make at Whitehall at the head of Lake Champlain, had so reduced his supplies that it became necessary to forage on the country to replenish them. Having received information that the Provincial had a large quantity of supplies and also cattle and horses in and around Bennington, and acting under the advice of Major Shewell, a noted tory, General Burgoynes determined to send a force to capture them. The detachment was made up of five hundred Hessians, besides companies of Canadians and tories and a small band of Indians, and was commanded by Lt. Col. Baum. His instructions were "to scour the country, tax the people of the towns through which they passed for such things as they wanted, to capture and bring away cattle and all the horses that were fit for service and all the saddles, bridles and tools that could be found." He was to bring in at least thirteen hundred horses. The detachment left the camp on the 13th and reached Cambridge, twelve miles north of Bennington on the following day.

Information of the presence of Indians at Cambridge soon became known at Bennington and preparations were made to stay their progress. Gen. Stark the hero of the battle was a private citizen when Burgoynes advanced towards the Hudson. He had been a brigadier with Washington at Trenton, and the winter following was sent to New Hampshire on recruiting service. While absent several of his junior officers were promoted over him which displease him and he resigned. But the entire frontier of Massachusetts and New Hampshire was now unprotected and the movements of Burgoynes created great alarm. The Provincial Assembly of New Hampshire called upon Stark to take command of the forces raised to repel the invaders and the old hero cheerfully responded. The Continental Congress tried to induce him to take a subordinate position and informed the Assembly that their instructions to Gen. Stark were "destructive of military subordination and prejudicial to the common cause," but Stark refused to yield and the Assembly declined to change their instructions.

At the time of the battle Vermont was not a State and was known as the "New Hampshire Grants." The line between these "Grants" and New York was unsettled and the latter claimed the territory as far east as the Green Mountains, including of course the town of Bennington. The troops engaged were from New Hampshire, including the "Grants" and from Massachusetts, and were commanded by Col. Warner, Williamson, Brewster. The forces of August were, however, both parties were busily preparing for the engagement and there was more or less skirmishing during the day. The rain continued through the night but in the early morning the clouds broke away and the troops prepared for action. We cannot give the details of the battle, but the result was everything that could be desired for the cause of the patriots. The fight continued until evening, and Stark was obliged to call off his men to prevent them from shooting one another in the darkness, seven hundred of the enemy were made prisoners among whom was Col. Baum, who was wounded and died soon after. Four pieces of artillery were captured and small arms in abundance. The Americans brought no artillery into the engagement. The Indians deserted according to their usual custom, soon after the battle opened. Burgoynes Indians were never of any benefit to him.

In point of numbers engaged, the Battle of Bennington was a small affair, but its result was very important and the victory was hailed with great joy throughout the colonies. It was another evidence of the courage and spirit of the Provincial militia when led by competent commanders, and served to cripple the strong arm of Burgoynes who made no further attempts at foraging on the territory of the Green Mountain Boys. It was one of the causes which resulted a few weeks later in the surrender of the British commander with his entire army to the Provincial troops under General Gates. It is proper that the Centennial of an event so important to the cause of the Colonies should be suitably noticed, and judging from the elaborate preparations which are in progress, we have no doubt it will be an occasion long to be remembered by those fortunate as to be present.

A **Hanoverian** dispatch says the American cause before the fishery commissioners has staggered British counsel. Americans claim that throwing open the American market to Canadian fishermen has profited the latter as much as the open Canadian fisheries profit Americans. The Indians can rest principally upon the evidence of the Canadian ministers. Sir John McDonald's speeches on his return from Washington as Canadian representative at the Joint High Commission are quoted in support of the American case.

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The Nationalists celebrated O'Connell's birth day in Belfast, Ireland, Monday. Several houses were wrecked, a number of persons were wounded, and at a late hour Monday night, the military were patrolling the streets.

**CITY NEWS AND GOSSEL.** We were sorry to learn that Mr. Samuel Guild, one of our well-to-do and enterprising farmers had the misfortune to break his thigh. He was building a culvert and a stone, weighing more than a ton, slipped from the derrick and struck him across the thigh, producing a compound fracture. We learn that he is as comfortable as can be expected.—B. H. Cushman, Esq., has retired from the Presidency of the Augusta bank, and Col. Darins Alden has been elected in his place. Hon. J. W. Bradbury and Horace H. Hamlin, Esq., have been elected directors in place of Mr. Cushman, retired, and Hon. J. W. North, who has been elected a director in the First National. The capital stock of the bank has been increased to \$50,000.—The large, two-story dwelling house of Daniel W. Vining on Bangor street, east side of the river, was burned on Thursday afternoon of last week. Cause unknown. Loss, \$3,500; insured for \$2,000. The family was absent at the time.—A fine new baggage, mail and express car was Thursday turned out of the Maine Central Company's works in this city. The car is fifty-two feet long and finely equipped with air brakes and regular standard passenger truck. This is one of the finest cars of its class in New England, and is to run on Conductor Philbrook's train between Augusta and Portland, mornings and evenings.—Ex-Governor Perham was in the city Thursday, on his way to the temperance camping, which was held on the camping grounds at Northport—Workmen are busy renovating the store of J. W. Clapp, which was scorched on the 4th of July.—The shop recently vacated by H. G. Cross is being fitted up as a dwelling by the owner, Friend Lang of Vassalboro.—Mr. D. T. Pike is making important repairs on the large carriage-shop, near the railroad crossing, foot of Rines' hill.—The Monmouth base ball club played with the Augustas, Friday. The latter won by a score of 18 to 4.—Chas. E. McLaughlin has been put under bonds to keep the peace for threatening to shoot A. M. Reed on Friday. He had previously been fined \$100 for assaulting Reed's hostler.—Mr. John F. Nourse has entered upon his duties as bookkeeper for the Sprague Manufacturing Co., at their mills in this city. Mr. Albert N. Moore, who retires, has held the position for some dozen years, to the entire acceptance of the company and the public. The change is made in conformity to the new system of management recently introduced by the trustees of the Spragues.—The County Commissioners on Saturday decided against the petitioners to extend the new road over Vaughan stream. They also reported not to widen the road except in two places—over two gullies—in one 17 rods, and in the other 16 rods. It is understood that the petitioners will appeal to the Supreme Court from the decision of the Commissioners.—The estimable wife of Dr. W. Scott Hill, died Thursday, after a protracted and painful sickness, which she bore with Christian patience and fortitude. Dr. Hill has the heartiest sympathy of a wide circle of friends.—George W. Jones, Gardner Phillips, Hiriam Sawtell and Sander Baron were drawn jury to serve at the August term of the Court, Tuesday.

On inquiry by the Judge, it was ascertained that no party in any civil suit was desirous of going to jury this term. The usual first call of the dockets was therefore dispensed with. The juries were empaneled and sworn, and then excused till next Monday. By that time it is expected that the grand jury will have risen, and the county attorney be ready to proceed with the criminal docket. Meantime the Court remains open, but the Judge will retire till the grand jury are ready to report.

The following compose the travers jurors: Benj. Allen, Mt. Vernon; Wm. A. Austin, Vassalboro; George Balentine, Waterville; Summer Bartron, Augusta; Merrill Burnum, Pittston; Mr. C. Cook, Vassalboro; Stephen Cobb, Chelsea; E. C. Dodge, Unity; H. W. Dodge, Clinton; O. Ellis, Belgrade; C. W. Gilman, Sidney; A. H. Hammond, Albion; J. S. W. Hewett, Fayette; E. G. Hooker, Gardner; B. F. Jones, Monmouth; Geo. W. Jones, Augusta; Leonard C. Jones, Hallowell; Almon Lewis, Waterville; David S. Lyon, Manchester; J. J. Marston, Gardner; W. Sullivan, Ascoomer, Winthrop; Gardner Phillips, Augusta; Hiriam Sawtell, Augusta; Isaac Starbird, Litchfield; Jacob B. Thomas, Hallowell; Martin Webster, Webster; Wm. West, Westfield; Stephen Cobb, S. S. Willard, Readfield.

Thomas Cobb was chosen foreman of the first jury; and Geo. W. Jones foreman of the second jury.

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The same stock is held by the Winooski stock breeders. They complain because they were not allowed to compete with owners of stock which is registered in the American Jersey Club book.

Last year after some discussion they were ruled out, and to appease them the trustees offered this stock a separate premium year. They don't appear at all, however, but claim a right to compete with the other Jersey stock. It is authoritative stated that the Winooski stock is a pure and essential to the growth and development of useful vegetation sometimes creates masses and, in a sanitary point of view, is really a serious matter. It is the zero of vitality and physical energy in man, and when we become debilitated by the extreme heat or overwork, we are more ready to become polluted by noxious exhalations. The rule of moderation is the golden rule at this season. We should work moderately, eat sparingly, keep cool as to the body, so far as we can and be comfortable, and what is equally essential, preserve an unstrained state of mind. If we observe these, and be careful and adapt ourselves to the season and the circumstances, the raging of the Dog Star will not harm us.

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